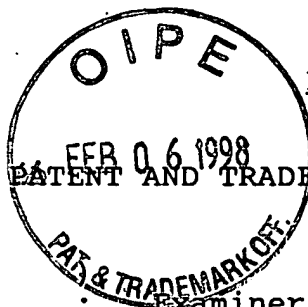


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Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, line 11, change "US-411675" to  
--EP-A-420064 (U.S. Appln. No. 411,675)--; and  
line 28, change "FR-014630" to  
--U.S. Patent No. 5,552,418 (FR-93 14630)--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 4 and 30-41 as follows:

3. (Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1,

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